

March 19, 2004

### **District Health Offers Free Immunizations for Children During April**

South Central District Health is hoping to give a boost to immunization levels by offering free immunizations to children during April.

The Board of Health has authorized free immunization clinics for childhood vaccines during April in each of the District's eight counties. April is Public Health Month and Infant Immunization Awareness Month. The administration fee of \$16 per child will be waived for all state-supplied childhood immunizations during each scheduled free clinic. Although any child under age 19 needing childhood immunizations can receive the free service, two groups are especially targeted for these clinics: Birth to 2-year-olds and 12- to 18-year-olds.

Children who are under the age of 2 are often behind on their first shot of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, as well as their fourth shot of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP) vaccine. Teens age 12 to 18 are often behind on their second MMR immunization if they were born after 1989.

The dates and locations of the free clinics are as follows:

| <b>CITY</b>       | <b>FREE CLINIC DATE<br/>AND TIME</b>  | <b>LOCATION</b>                                               | <b>WALK-IN OR<br/>BY APPOINTMENT</b>            |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Burley</b>     | Wednesday, April 21<br>3 – 6 p.m.     | SCDH Office<br>2311 Parke Ave., Unit 4, Suite 4<br>678-8221   | Walk-in<br><i>First come, first<br/>served!</i> |
| <b>Fairfield</b>  | Tuesday, April 20<br>10 a.m. to Noon  | Camas Medical Clinic                                          | By appointment,<br>call 934-4477                |
| <b>Gooding</b>    | Tuesday, April 6<br>3 – 6 p.m.        | SCDH Office<br>145 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East.<br>934-4477   | Walk-in<br><i>First come, first<br/>served!</i> |
| <b>Hailey</b>     | Tuesday, April 6<br>3 – 6 p.m.        | SCDH Office<br>513 N. Main<br>788-4335                        | Walk-in<br><i>First come, first<br/>served!</i> |
| <b>Jerome</b>     | Friday, April 16<br>3 – 6 p.m.        | SCDH Office<br>951 East Avenue H<br>324-8838                  | Walk-in<br><i>First come, first<br/>served!</i> |
| <b>Rupert</b>     | Tuesday, April 20<br>3 – 6 p.m.       | SCDH Office<br>1218 9 <sup>th</sup> St., Suite 15<br>436-7185 | Walk-in<br><i>First come, first<br/>served!</i> |
| <b>Shoshone</b>   | Thursday, April 8<br>8:30 a.m. – Noon | Christ Episcopal Church<br>324-8838                           | By appointment,<br>call 324-8838                |
| <b>Twin Falls</b> | Tuesday, April 6<br>3 – 6 p.m.        | SCDH Office<br>1020 Washington St. North<br>734-5900          | Walk-in<br><i>First come, first<br/>served!</i> |

These free clinics represent the third time that free immunizations have been offered by SCDH in the last year, and the second time that the SCDH Board of Health has approved using

District funds to cover the costs of the immunizations. In September 2003, the District provided funding for free immunizations in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Healthy Futures Day that targeted infants to 3-year-olds being assessed for developmental delays. The United Way of Magic Valley also offset the District's administration fee during immunization clinics as part of their Day of Caring in September 2003.

South Central District Health recommends that children receive immunizations on the following schedule:

**GENERAL SCHEDULE FOR IMMUNIZATIONS**

| AGE⇒<br>VACCINE<br>↓ | BIRTH                    | 2 MOS                    | 4 MOS                    | 6 MOS                                 | 12-18<br>MOS                          | 2<br>YEARS               | 4-6<br>YEARS                          | 11-12<br>YEARS                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>DTaP</b>          |                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>              |                          | <input type="checkbox"/>              |                                         |
| <b>Polio</b>         |                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> |                                       |                          | <input type="checkbox"/>              |                                         |
| <b>MMR</b>           |                          |                          |                          |                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>              |                          | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup>   |
| <b>Hib</b>           |                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>3</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/>              |                          |                                       |                                         |
| <b>Hep B</b>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          | <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> |                                       |                          |                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup>   |
| <b>PCV</b>           |                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>              |                          |                                       |                                         |
| <b>Varicella</b>     |                          |                          |                          |                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>4</sup> |                          |                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2,5</sup> |
| <b>Hep A</b>         |                          |                          |                          |                                       |                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>6</sup> |                                         |

1. May be given anytime between 6-18 months of age.
2. Should be administered if not previously received.
3. May be due depending on vaccine used.
4. Recommended for all children who have not had chicken pox.
5. Two doses needed if age 13 or over.
6. Second dose recommended 6 months after first dose.